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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN RELATIONS CONTINUE DOWNHILL SLIDE

1. CAIRO PRESS APRIL 24 CARRIES DETAILED FRONT PAGE REPORTS OF BEATINGS AND TORTURE INFLICTED ON EGYPTIAN WORKERS BY LIBYAN POLICE DURING RECENT DEPORTATION. REPORTS ARE BASED ON GOE POLICE INTERROGATION OF UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF LIBYAN DEFENDANTS, WHOSE CASES ARE TO BE TRIED AFTER RELEASE OF INDICTMENTS "IN NEXT FEW DAYS".
2. LARGE SCALE FUNERAL WAS HELD IN FAYYUM GOVERNORATE FOR EGYPTIAN "MARTYR" KILLED BY LIBYAN POLICE. GOVERNOR HAS REPORTEDLY PLEDGED TO NAME STREET AFTER HIM AND TO BUILD MEMORIAL.
3. PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY ARAB AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CHARGED WITH CRAWLING UP REPORT ON LIBYAN AFFAIR , WAS ADDRESSED APRIL 23 BY DEP PM/FONMIN, MININT FAHMY AND MINPOWER BULTIYYA. PRESS REPORTS SPEAKERS UNANIMOUS THAT QADHAAFI IS SPONSORING "ACTS OF SABOTAGE" WITHIN EGYPT. THEY ALLEGEDLY
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CALLED FOR EGYPTIAN MEDIA CAMPAIGN "TO UNCOVER...HIS SUBVERSIVE

SCHEMES IN EGYPT".

4. COMMENT: FACT THAT FONMIN HAS SUGGESTED IN OPEN FORUM THAT LARG IS ENGAGING IN ACTIVE SUBVERSIVE EFFORTS WITHIN EGYPT IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF GOE'S RENEWED CONCERN FOR ITS INTERNAL SECURITY. FAHMY TOLD AMBASSADOR TODAY DISPUTE IS SERIOUS EVEN THOUGH THUS FAR IT HAS BEEN LARELY ON "PAPER LEVEL". HE CONFIRMED GOE CONSIDERING APPROPRIATE COUNTER RESPONSES. EILTS

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